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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6720

BILL NUMBER: SB 400

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 26, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Explanation of Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Dillon

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires the Attorney General (AG) to prepare a neutral summary of any proposed state constitutional amendment, distribute a copy of the summary to various entities, and post the summary on the AG's Internet web site not later than 60 days before the election at which the proposed amendment is submitted to the voters. The bill requires a copy of the summary to be posted at each polling place. The bill provides that the AG has absolute discretion to determine the contents of the summary, and prohibits the bringing of an action based on the exercise of this discretion.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary-* The AG and the Election Division would be able to carry out these additional responsibilities with existing resources and staff.

Background Information- The AG reverted \$173,490 at the close of FY 2008, \$0 in FY 2007, \$34,631 in FY 2006, and \$46,010 in FY 2005 to the General Fund.

The Indiana Election Division reverted \$22,967 to the General Fund at the end of FY 2008. The Election Division had contract printing/binding costs of \$18,990 and office printing costs of about \$3,723 in FY 2008.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: County election boards would need to forward copies of amendment summaries to precinct inspectors. County election boards would be able to accomplish this provision with

existing resources and staff.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Attorney General, Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards.

Information Sources: State Budget Agency: *FY 2008 General and Rainy Day Fund Summaries*.

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